

NOTICE - Handling of Wasted Vaccine

The Kansas Immunization Program has established a procedure for the handling and return of wasted vaccines received through the Vaccines For Children Program. According to the terms of the contracts and stipulations of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act, covered vaccines which cannot be administered because of improper refrigerator/freezer storage, improper handling during shipment, destruction, expiration, or any other event which results in the return of the vaccine to the manufacturer (other than for resale) will be eligible for a Federal excise tax credit. This pertains only to vaccines that are purchased with VFC, State, or 317 Program funds.

Vaccines which are eligible for excise tax credit include: Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis containing products (DT, DTaP, Td), Haemophilus Influenzae type b containing products (HIB, HepB-HIB), Hepatitis A containing products (HepA), Hepatitis B containing products (HepB, HepB-HIB), Measles, Mumps, and Rubella containing products (MMR), Polio containing products (EIPV), Varicella containing products (VAR), Pneumococcal Conjugate containing products (PCV7), and Influenza containing products..

VFC providers are not to destroy wasted vaccines but are to forward vaccines to the Kansas Immunization Program for return to appropriate manufacturers. An exception would be vaccines which have been drawn up in a syringe for administration. Do not return these vaccines but report them on the Wasted Vaccine Return Form as “destroyed”. Pre-filled syringes with needles still in the manufacturer’s packaging are acceptable; however, do not return any syringes with needles attached that are not covered. Also, do not return any broken vials.

In order for the Kansas Immunization Program to apply for credit, the provider must complete and return the Wasted Vaccine Return Form along with their wasted vaccine. Providers are asked to send wasted vaccine on a quarterly basis to the Kansas Immunization Program, 1000 SW Jackson Street, Suite 210, Topeka, KS 66612-1274. This information will be kept confidential and only used for the purpose of obtaining the tax credit.